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OF THE  
MOST REMARKABLE

Passages and matters of consequence betwixt his Maieſty,  
and the Town of *Kingſtone*  
upon *Hull*.

*Viz.*

1 His Maieſties Demands to the Gentry of *Yorkſhire*, concerning *Hull*, answered by them,

2 His Maieſties Letter and Warrant to the High-Sheriffe of the County of *Yrke*, concerning the proceedings of *Sir Iohn Hoſham* in *Hull*.

3 A Letter ſent from the Inhabitants of the Town, of *Hull* to the High Sheriffe and Gentry of the County of *York*, now attending his Maieſties pleaſure.

4 The Votes and Reſolutions agreed upon by both Houſes of Parliament, concerning the ſecuring of the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*.

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Printed by Order of both Houſes of  
*Parliament*.

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His Maiesties demands to the Gentry of  
*Yorkeeshire*, concerning the Town of *Hull*, answered  
 by two severall Parties.

**V**VE conceive that the substance of his Majesties proposition unto us the 30 of *April* consisted in these two particulars. First, to know whether we would defend his Majesties royall Person from violence, or no, according to our duties. Secondly, to have our advice concerning his Majestie not being admitted into his Town of *Hull*, and how his Majesty may be vindicated in his Honor for that affront, and how he may be put into the possession of his own.

'The humble answer of those who Petitioned your Majesty the 30 of *April*, and divers other Kt. and Gent.

*May it please your most excellent Majesty,*

**V**VE shall be ready to defend his Majesties person from violence, by all such wayes as the Law and our duties binde us. And for the means to vindicate your Majesties honor, and to put you into the possession of your own. We conceive that the best advice that we can offer unto your Majesty is, humbly to desire you to hearken to the Counsels of your Parliament, who (We assure our selves will be careful of your Majesties person and honour, and to whom your Majestie hath already beene pleased to direct a Message to that purpose.

*The Humble Answer of the Gentry of the Countie of YORKE.*

**A**Ccording to your Majesties command to your Majesties proposition, we proteste our willingnesse, as in dutie we are bound to defend your Majesties sacred person against all Forraigne and Domestick attempts, to the uttermost of our power, and as our allegiance binds us, And for the keeping of your Majesties honour, touching the busines of *Hull*, Your Majesty being pleased to commend it to your Parliament; the high Counsell of Your Kingdome? We doe humbly crave pardon that we doe not interpose, But so far as Your Majestie may looke for a particular satisfaction at our hands; We humbly and heartily proteste that we shall be ready to serve Your Majestie in the same and all other occasions, with our Lives and Fortunes, as far as Your Majestie shall be pleased legally to enable and command us.

By

# BY THE KING.

*To Our trusty and welbelovéd high Sheriffe of Our County of York.*



Trusty and welbelovéd, Wee g eete you well: Whereas We understand, that Sir *John Hotham* takes upon him (without any legall Authority or Power) to issue warrants to Constables, and other Our Officers, to raise divers of Our Trained bands of this Our County, and requires them to march with their Armes, and come into Our Town of *Hull*, where he hath disarmed divers of them, keepes their Armes, and discharges the men: And whereas Wee are credible informed, that divers persons, who were lately Colonels, Lievetenant Colonels, Captaines and Officers of the trained Bands of this Our County, intend shortly to summon and indeavour to Muster the forces of this Our County: For as much as by the Law of the Land, none of Our Trained Bands are to be raised or mustered, upon any pretence or authority whatsoever, but by speciall warrant under Our owne hand, or by a legall Writ directed to the Sheriffe of the County, or by warrant from the Lord Lievetenant, or Deputy-Lievetenants of the County, appointed and authorized by Commission under our great Seale. And whereas at present there is no Lord Lievetenant, or Deputy-Lievetenant legally authorized to command the Forces and trained Bands of this our County of Yorke, and the Commissions, to command, and power of all Coloniells, Lievetenant-Colonells, Captaines and Officers of Our trained Bands, (which were derived from the Commission and Power of the Lord Lievetenant only, are now actually voyd, and of no force and Authority. Our will and Command therefore is, that you forth-

with issue Warrants under your hand, to all the late Colonells, Leivetenant-Colonell, Captaines and Officers, (who whiles the Lord Lievetenants Commission was in force) had command of the trained Bands of this Our County: And also to all High and Petty Constables, and other our Officers, in this Our County, whom it may concerne, charging & commanding them, and every of them, in Our Name, and upon their Allegiance, and as they tender the Peace of this Our Kingdome, not to Muster, Levie, or Raife, or to Summon, or warn (upon any pretence or Directions whatsoever) any of Our trained Bands to Rise, Muster, or March, without expresse Warrant under Our Hand, or Warrant from you Our Sheriffe grounded upon a particular writ to that purpose; which we also command you, not to put in Execution without Our privy and Allowance, whiles wee shall reside in this Our County.

And in case any of our trained bands shall rise, or gather, contrary to this Our command, Then Wee will and command you to charge and require them to dissolve, and retire to their dwellings. We will and command you upon your Allegiance, as you tender the peace and quiet of this Our Kingdome, to raise the power of the county, and suppress them by force, as the Law hath directed & given you power to doe. And to the end that this Our expresse command may be notified to all Our good subiects in this Our county, so as none may pretend hereafter to have beene misled through Ignorance, We require you to cause these Our Letters to be forthwith read, and published openly in all Parish Churches in this our County Herein you may not faile, as you tender the safety and Honour of Our Person, the good and peace of this our Kingdome, and will answer the contrary at your perill. For which this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

*Given at Our Court at Yorke the ffith day of May, in the  
Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne, &c. Apill*



April 30. 1642.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL  
the High Sheriffe, and the rest of the  
Gentry, in the County of *Torke*, now atten-  
ding His Sacred Majesties pleasure.

*Gentlemen,*

**N**OW (if ever) stand fast, quit you selves as Fathers of your Countrey, let it appeare before God and all the world, that truly generous blood runnes in your veines; Evidence in Gods name, your heartiest loyalty and dearest affections to his most sacred Majesty. But while you remember the King, forget not the Kingdome for the Lords sake; put not asunder those things which God hath so neerly joyned together, oh consider the Honour, the cause of God, the good successe of this present Parliament, your lives, lawes, liberties, your temporall, your spirituall Welfare lye all bleeding this day at your owne feete, and earnestly supplicate your best assistance.

Tell us we beseech you; shall we die and you live? Can it possibly goe well with you, while ill with us? Is it not your owne case and quarrell? Nay, Gods and the Kings which we maintaine? Stand you not as much interested, and as deeply ingaged to appeare, for God and the Kings Honour as we our selves? Were we disposed to Recriminate, we could Anathomize before God and man the worthlesnesse of those unreasonable men, who such the Zealors, not onely for the ruine, but the Eclipsing of the Glory of this blessed Parliament.

But

But our intent onely is, to beg that at your hands which in justice you dare not, and in charity you, (we are sure) ought not to deny us, and that's helpe and utmost indeavours in this Nicke of our (we had almost said your-) great necessity. Bee assured there was never a greater prize in your hands then at this time. In poore *Hull* are imbarck'd two of the richest Jewells in the world. *Gods Truth*, and *Christendomes Peace*: each of which in valuation farre exceeds a Kings Ransome. Wee delight not in a needlesse and superfluous expence of words, and therefore we shall in short tell you, what wee, or rather God expects this day at all your hands, viz. That you (and that with instance) Petition His most Excellent Majestie, to vouchsafe the influence of his Royall favour and gracious presence to His Great Councell, the High Conrte of Parliament, the onely way, (in humane apprehension) to stanch the bleeding woundes of *Ireland* and distressed *England*.

That you now helpe the Lord against the mighty.

That with as humble boldnesse you manifest your extreme unwillingnesse to come in an hostile way against us, least you bring guilelesse blood upon your owne heads, and kindle such a fire in *England*, as will never bee quenched: Assure your selves, that without much caution and greatest circumspection, you may raise up such a spirit as will not be Conjured downe againe in hast. Worthies, Ponder we beseech you our present but sad condition, set your selves before Gods awefull barre, make our case your owne.

Let your Consciences speake: Would you betray so great a trust committed to you, by so great a Countrey? Would you that we should wound through your sides Heaven and Earth? What you shall attempt against us, will in will in the reflection reflect upon God the King, the Church the State your selves; Would you to satisfie a good King set open the Gates, and with the same counsell gratifie a very bad company, who seeke nothing lesse then  
either



either the safety of His Majesties royall Person and Posterity, or the security of His Dominions and Liege-people. Would you have us wash our hands in your dearest blood? In sum, would you have us render you the people of the Kings wrath? We are confident you would not; Do then (according to the primordiale Law) as you would be done unto. Strike in we beseech you effectually whilst you have time, put not God upon another course of deliverance, least the Honor of *Yorkshire* be layd in the dust for ever.

Oh! Give us in this great straight, reall testimony of your affections, and you shall for ever have the acknowledgement of the reall obligations of all

*Your affectionate Friends and  
humble Servants, in the  
poore Town of Hull.*

## Severall Votes Resolved upon by both Houses of Parliament.

*Resolved upon the Question by the Lords in Parliament.*

Nemine contradicente.

**T**HAT the Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the safety and defence of the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, is not any way against the oath of Allegiance..

*Resolved upon the Question.*

That the severall Commissions, granted under the Great Seale, to the Lieutenants of the severall Counties, are illegal and voyd.

*Resolved upon the Question.*

That whosoever shall execute any power over the *Militia* of this Kingdom, and Dominion of *Wales*, by colour of any Commission of Liverynancy, without consent of both Houses

ses of Parliament, shall be accounted a disturber of the peace of the Kingdom.

*Resolved upon the Quest. by the Lords and Commons in Parliament.*

**T**Hat the Kingdom hath been of late, and still is in to evident and eminent danger, both from enemies abroad, and a Popish and discontented party at home. That there is an urgent and inevitable necessity of putting his Majesties Subjects into a posture of defence, for the safeguard both of his Maiesty, and his people.

That the Lords and Commons fully apprehending this danger, and being sensible of their own duty, to provide a suitable prevention; Have, in severall Petitions addressed themselves to His Maiesty, for the Ordering and disposing of the *Militia* of the Kingdome, in such away as was agreed upon by the wisdom of both Houses, to be most effectual and proper, for the present Exigents of the Kingdome, yet could not obtain it: but his Maiesty did severall times refuse to give his Royall assent thereunto.

Ordered that the House of Peers agrees with the House of Commons in this Proposition.

*Resolved upon the Quest. by the Lords and Commons in Parliament.*

That in this case of extreame danger, and of his Majesties refusall, the Ordinance agreed on by both Houses, for the *Militia*, doth oblige the People, and ought to be obeyed, by the Fundamentall Lawes of this Kingdome.

*Resolved upon the Question.*

That these shall be the Heads of a Declaration.

*Resolved upon the Question.*

That such Persons as shall be nominated Deputy-Lieutenants and approved of by both houses, shall receive the Commands of both Houses, to take upon them to Execute their Offices.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That these severall Votes be published in print.

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